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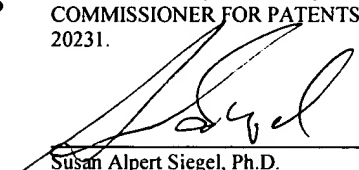
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AMENDMENT (IN RESPONSE TO PAPER NO. 20)

This response is submitted in response to the final Office action, dated September 10, 2002, for which a three month period for reply was set, making a reply due on or before December 10, 2002. Applicants petition herein for a three month extension of time, and submit the required fee herewith, along with a request for a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d), making this response and the CPA due on or before March 10, 2003. Prior to examination of the CPA, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

1. (Reiterated) An aggregated composition comprising (a) a VP22 polypeptide or a fragment thereof having a transport function of VP22, and (b) an oligonucleotide or polynucleotide.

2. (Reiterated) An aggregated composition according to claim 1, which further comprises a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.